

I give up.

In May 2023, I deleted my Scratch account, because the community was getting too much for me, among other reasons. There are lots of problems with the Scratch community, but I'm not here to talk about those problems today.

Unlike most Scratch users, I have no life, or friends, and I stay home with my family almost all the time.

Since I rejoined Scratch in 2019, I was interested in what would happen if I could get access to other Scratch accounts.

I liked signing in to accounts that had the password in the About Me or in a comment, because it felt like I had power over that account.

I also used "free password/free accounts" websites to try to get access to other Scratch accounts, but most of them were banned.

In December 2020, I tried to make lazier and more generic animations, to try to take over the Animations Trending page. To do that, I used an auto clicker on another computer to view bot the project, until it had enough views to get on the Animations page. This worked successfully, and my projects started getting on trending more often.

In 2021, I learned about more "trending hacks", and used them to get on the trending page.

In 2022 and 2023, I found a way to make multiple fake student accounts, so I can love bot and favorite bot projects on my multiple accounts, including @PaddlerGames. This made it even easier for me to get projects on trending.

Back to me leaving Scratch. I thought about leaving Scratch as early as 2022, when my 17k Q&A Answers project was taking too long to make. I made a Community post on my now deleted YouTube channel about it, but I later changed my mind, and deleted that post.

After that project was shared, I learned about how most "student" accounts on Scratch are very easy to hack, because they all share the same password. So in September 2022, I hacked some student accounts I found on another profile, and used them to love bot and fave bot some projects I

made on my alt account @----Helix----, as part of a social experiment to try to get on Trending with that project. I copied my own animations from @PaddlerGames onto the @----Helix---- account, and successfully got them on the Animations page after love botting, fave botting, and view botting them.

This was not the first "social experiment" I did, I also spam pinged some Scratch Discord servers with multiple accounts from late 2020-2022, after getting banned from @-BoyMcBoy-'s Scratch Central server for 3 days. Most of the accounts I used to spam ping were under the "xx-numbers" alias.

In late October 2022, I was looking around @griffpatch's profile because I was bored, and I found a rabbit hole of multiple "pged" or password guessed accounts, that are all old accounts. I found a chat on code.org that one of the password guessers was in, so I joined it. In that chat, I gave the password to one of my alt accounts @PaddlerSecond, because at that time I thought everyone in that chat was a password guesser, but only 1 of them was. And that 1 password guesser followed an account with an NSFW username.

A few minutes after that, I changed the password to that account, and immediately followed multiple random accounts to hide the NSFW username in the account's activity. A few days later, that account got permanently banned for "impersonation".

So, about an hour after the password was leaked, I asked the 1 password guesser for his Discord tag, but he wanted me to give him my Discord tag instead. So I made a brand new Discord account after deleting my main one in May 2022, so I can contact this person.

Later on that day, I found out about his real Scratch identity, @--Brent--. And Brent found out that I was hacking @griffpatch's Geometry Dash using Python to have bad words, and NSFW website links, on the leaderboard of that project.

At that time, I was getting into Python and @TimMcCool's scratchattach Python library.

I talked to Brent a lot during November 2022 on Discord, and he became one of my closest Scratch friends.

A few days after griffpatch closed the leaderboard on his Geometry Dash project, and I stopped hacking it, Brent dm'd me again suggesting a Scratch campaign called "No Scratch November", which later became "Destroy Scratch December". The point of the campaigns was to use spambots almost every day on @griffpatch's profile in November to protest against Scratch's bad moderation, but we also had spam raids with swear words, and NSFW content. We were to do this until the day of the "Great Spam War" or GSW, where we would spam @griffpatch's profile with at least 100 accounts, so we could possibly crash the Scratch website.

So I started "working" for Brent, by coding Python scripts to spam Scratch profiles, password guess random Scratch accounts with the password 123456, and more. He gave me the code name to use on griffpatch's profile "Sir General PG", later shortened to "Sir General P", because I didn't want anyone to find out that I was PaddlerGames. He had the name "Sir General B". Eventually, the password guessing Python bot got enough accounts to use for the Great Spam War, which was moved to December, because of me deleting my Discord account again.

Brent is more connected to the "password guessing" community than I am, and one of his friends @cs4500119 had a chat on a site called Minnit. So there were 3 members in that chat, me, @--Brent--, and @cs4500119. We used the private Minnit chat to talk about password guessing stuff, and to finish the campaign I started with Brent on Discord.

So, with the help of even more Python scripts, I prepared 100 Python spambot scripts to use with 100 accounts. I did all this with Chrome Remote Desktop controlling another computer, and a VPN on that computer.

So on December 19th in the afternoon, I started all 100 spambots on griffpatch's profile, which all gave links to the official Destroy Scratch December Scratch account, now deleted. That account gave a link to a text file written by Brent, explaining why Scratch moderation is bad.

Eventually, the Scratch Team deleted all the password guessed spamming accounts, and stopped the spam. Then, I took a break from talking on Minnit with Brent.

After that in 2023, I started to make projects on Scratch again. The reshare glitch from 2020 started working again, so I used that, and other "trending hacks", to get my projects on trending. Most of the projects I shared in 2023 were lazy, and not like the projects I shared in the past.

After my 2023 Animation Contest ended, I stopped making projects for a few weeks, and rejoined the Minnit chat with Brent, but I wasn't as active as I was there in December 2022.

In late March 2023, I dmed @Giolaboman on Instagram about him being the @-Melon-Toons- account, because of the animation style, art, and other parts of the account I thought was similar to @Giolaboman. To my surprise, he said it wasn't him, and suggested it to be @IncognitoOrange or someone else.

The same thing happened when I dmed him about resharing and spamming tags to get on trending, he said he was resharing for maintenance.

A few days after that, I was thinking about leaving Scratch again because of the community in general becoming more fame hungry, and I started to comment more about Scratch being fame hungry on different profiles and projects. On the @SuperMarioBrosMovie profile, I replied to someone about Giolaboman, and later said why I'm not supporting Giolaboman's accounts anymore. Later, Gio made a project with my comment, and that's when I realized I was getting into Scratch drama, and getting "cancelled" by Gio's fans and friends.

The next day, I decided to stop talking about the Scratch community becoming more fame hungry, because my Scratch reputation was going down, and I thought about leaving Scratch again, or at least taking a long break from Scratch.

A few days after that, I started to give out free follows to everyone on my profile, because I didn't care about my activity on Scratch anymore. I unfollowed everyone I gave free follows to 1 week later.

On April 5th, 2023, The Super Mario Bros. Movie came out in theaters. A few days later, a recording of it was posted on multiple illegal movie watching websites. So I downloaded the recording, and posted sped up and reverse versions of the movie on my YouTube channel, because I didn't care about my YouTube channel either.

Later that month, I posted some clips from the Mario Movie on Scratch, so I can be on trending, because I didn't care about what I posted anymore. So I was only doing Scratch to get on Trending, and because I was addicted to the website.

In May 2023, I had some more thoughts about leaving Scratch, but I put them aside. Then later in May, a digital version of the Mario Movie was leaked on a popular pirating website, days before it was officially released on digital. So, I used a VPN to download the file from the server.

Then I had the idea to post the Mario Movie into clips on Scratch, using websites like eazgif.com to convert parts of the movie into GIFs to import into Scratch.

I now understand that this is wrong and illegal to do, and could possibly get me in trouble in real life, but I didn't understand it at that time.

After posting about 4 of 2 minute parts of the beginning of the Mario Movie, I unshared all of the Mario Movie clips, thanks to @BagelStudios and Gio telling me to unshare the projects to prevent legal action from Universal and Nintendo from happening.

About 2 weeks later on May 23rd, I finally made the hard decision to leave Scratch, and permanently delete my Scratch account. I also deleted all accounts on other websites under the PaddlerGames name. I deleted my account(s) because I can't be addicted to Scratch and the Scratch community forever, and I wanted to do more important things with my life other than Scratch.

But that didn't work.

After I deleted my account, I started talking more with Brent on Minnit again.

A few days before I deleted my account, Brent suggested that I make a Minnit chat (now deleted) for my fans to communicate with me, so that's what I did. Brent used some of his password guessed accounts to promote the chat on my profile, and other profiles on Scratch.

Then, we started to do more spam raids on @griffpatch's profile, and some other projects and studios, with new password guessed accounts and new Python scripts.

About 2 and a half weeks later, Brent was starting to get less active on Minnit, because of his exams, and losing access to his Chromebook. As of when I wrote this message, Brent hasn't been in our private Minnit chat for the last 2 weeks. The private Minnit chat is deleted now, so I won't be talking to Brent anymore.

Around the time Brent was taking his exams, I had the idea to use the power of Python scripts we were using to spam @griffpatch to prove that @-Melon-Toons- was @Giolaboman. So I took almost all the proof I had, and over the next 3-4 days, used Python spambots to spam some of the proof on @griffpatch's profile. After a few days, I spammed something about the Your Demise Discord server on multiple Scratch users associated with the server.

After I stopped spamming the Your Demise members, I then took it even further. I wanted to annoy Gio even more, so I took his real life school address I got from his Instagram and the YouTube channel with the Dhar Mann parody, and used Python to spam it on his newest project, because his profile comments were closed.

I didn't understand that doing this was illegal at the time, and I didn't think I could possibly get in legal trouble for it. And it was even worse than when I pirated the Mario Movie, because I was harassing someone on the internet, by posting personal information about their school, in a public comments section.

If someone did that to me, I would feel like my privacy has been invaded. I'm sure Gio felt the same way too.

So after that, I started to mass report multiple Scratch users, like Gio, and friends of Gio, after I mass reported someone with Brent a few days before the spambots on Gio's profile. Because I know the "mass reporting algorithm" now, I could mass report almost any project I want, with password guessed Scratch accounts.

I also used love botting, fave botting, and view botting on 2 new projects on my @----Helix---- account, that talk about the "Melon Toons Lore", and the projects got on the Animations page on trending. The projects got taken down a few days later. And I used an exploit in the Scratch 1.4 editor to share projects with titles that have swear words in them, directed at Gio and his friends.

And I also got Gio banned for about a week, by pretending to hack him.

Eventually, I stopped with the mass reporting, and Gio got unbanned. After that, I made a new Scratch account @Paddler-, to make a project to explain why I deleted my account. I never made that project, but I did make 3 other projects on that account.

A few days later, @-Rocket- talked to me about the whole situation on my profile. He previously contacted me on a new Discord account (now deleted) but I never answered that. So I tried everything I can to avoid saying that I was harassing Gio. A few hours later, I deleted that Scratch account too, to avoid talking with Rocket.

So that's everything I did on Scratch that I was hiding from everyone this whole time.

There's no point of hiding these things anymore, because I already completely left the Scratch community. I deleted every account I possibly can with the PaddlerGames name, including my Scratch account.

I don't want to be anywhere near a community that has problems that will probably never be fixed, so I give up.

Plus, there are more important things in life than trying to fit in to communities on the internet, and targeting people on the internet for their

imperfections. I'm 18 and a half now, and I need to make myself a better person, so I have to leave Scratch behind to do that.

I know I'm still addicted to Scratch, even without an account, but I really need to break that addiction eventually to move on to more important things.

As for the things I said that I did in this message, I think they were all completely unnecessary to the Scratch community, and didn't really fix anything, and it made the Scratch Team's job even harder.

I'm very sorry for doing what I did to the Scratch community. I know what I did was wrong, and I won't do it again.

I don't expect anyone to accept my apology, because I've done too many bad things. And my reputation on Scratch is bad, especially after I wrote this message.

But honestly, I don't really care. Like I said before, there are more important things in life than being part of internet communities. And I need to focus on my life now, and stop being on the internet.

Thank you for reading this, and good luck with life.

- PaddlerGames